

MINUTES of a Meeting of the **HISTORIC PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, held on May 5th, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., Microsoft Teams Conference Call with the following in attendance:

HPAC MEMBERS: Christopher Babits (Chair), Andrea Cuellar, Camina Weasel Moccasin and George Kuhl
CITY OF LETHBRIDGE: Ross Kilgour and Cidnee Lorenz (Recorder)
REGRETS: Hope Wiebe

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

“The City of Lethbridge acknowledges that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pays respect to the Blackfoot people, past, present and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship to the land. The City of Lethbridge is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III.”

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A. Cuellar moved that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

C. Weasel Moccasin moved that the April 7th, 2020 minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- HPAC Resignation - C. Babits will submit a formal resignation letter to City Clerks within the next few days. Today will be his last meeting.

6. AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Southminster United Church Potential Repairs:
 - Southminster has had ongoing issues with their sandstone and will be needing to make some repairs. An Intervention Approval is not being requested at this point and they will keep HPAC in the loop.
 - F. Shaw has been advising them on different sources and they will be applying for a matching grant.
- b. Post Office Update:
 - The Intervention Approval was completed as per HPAC’s direction and Provincial approval has also been granted.
 - The project is now at the Development Permit stage and work should begin in the summer.
- c. Architect Position Update – Discussed above.
- d. Heritage Management Plan (HMP) (P. Beebe):
 - The grant application was submitted to the Province for a matching research grant and we should know if successful by late June.
 - The central motivation of the HMP update is to have the existing heritage program include Indigenous Heritage.
 - Discussion took place on what goals the HPAC would like the HMP project update to achieve and points of interest were as follows:
 - Meaningful Indigenous engagement with Blackfoot people, asking elders what “meaningful” means to them and using some of that language.

- It is important that any guideline directives that come out of the project are all primarily informed by Indigenous perspective.
- The HPAC would like to participate in the process in whatever role is appropriate and be involved in the Indigenous Engagement sessions.
- Boundaries:
 - The committee feels that the consultant will need to look at how borders are reconciled, when it comes to culture, those lines don't apply in the same way.
 - It is important to have an open conception of heritage including tangible and intangible and spatial concepts that are not tied to the Heritage site.
- Other:
 - There is a lot of interest in traditional plants and what should be protected.
 - Ceremonies – Which spaces could be used? Help people learn to smudge and tipi.
 - Consider making the plaques going forward bi-lingual; translated into Blackfoot.
 - The future of the committee:
 - It is important that the committee is inclusive.
 - The traditional work of the committee is an expectation and should continue.
- The planned date to post the Request for Proposal (RFP) is July. Due to COVID-19, timelines for the subsequent Indigenous engagement sessions may be delayed.
- R. Kilgour will take a look at what P. Stein had put together prior to his leave and circulate to the committee.
- R. Kilgour will send the committee a copy of the existing HMP as well as any other pertaining documents.

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

- June 2nd, 2020
- As per HPAC's request, R. Kilgour will look into other meeting formats other than Microsoft Teams.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER ROUND TABLE – Nothing to note

ACTION:	R. KILGOUR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HMP - Send the committee a copy of the existing HMP as well as any other pertaining documents and take a look at what P. Stein had put together prior to his leave and circulate to the committee. • As per HPAC's request, look into other meeting formats other than Microsoft Teams.
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9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.